

REMARKS

Claims 7, 8, 11-14, 22 and 23 are pending. No new claims have been added, no claims have been amended, and claim 22 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 7, 8, 11-14 and 23 are allowed. Upon entry of this communication, claims 7, 8, 11-14 and 23 will be under consideration.

Objection to the Specification

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection to the specification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 as introducing new matter. Specifically, the amendment filed August 4, 2003, including the substitute sequence listing having SEQ ID NOS:115-118, is allegedly not supported by the specification as originally filed. However, in order to reduce the issues and further prosecution, Applicants have canceled claim 22, requested removal of the Substitute Sequence Listing filed on July 31, 2003, and requested insertion of the original Sequence Listing filed on July 24, 2002. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing the written description requirement. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that the claim contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. However, in order to reduce the issues and further prosecution, Applicants have canceled claim 22, and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

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In view of the amendments and the above remarks, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative if there are any questions relating to this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 07-1896.

Respectfully submitted,



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